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SUBJECT: SOCIAL CONTACT WITH PRC MISSION

1. ON AUGUST 9 PRC PERMREP CHEN CHU AND WIFE HOSTED A VERY INFORMAL DINNER FOR AMB AND MRS. YOUNG AND THE YOUNG'S PARENTS. MISOFF, POLMIN AND WIFE ALSO ATTENDED. OTHER CHINESE MISSION PERSONNEL WHO ATTENDED WERE CHOU NAN, COUNSELLOR; HUANG KUO, SECOND SECRETARY (WIFE OF CHOU NAN); KUO CHIA-TING, FIRST SECRETARY; AND WANG KUANG-YA, SECOND SECRETARY.

2. THE WARM AND COMPLETELY PERSONAL OCCASION ARRANGED BY CHEN RECIPROCATED A SIMILAR EVENING HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG AT HIS RESIDENCE EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE YOUNG EVENING FEATURED TYPICALLY SOUTHERN CUISINE FOR THE EDIFICATION OF THE CHINESE. THE CHEN EVENING FEATURED EXCELLENT FOOD, MAO-TAI AND MORE FORTHCOMING PERSONAL TALK FROM ALL OF THE CHINESE THAN WE HAVE CUSTOMARILY BEEN ABLE TO ELICIT HERE. SINCE THE CHINESE HOSPITALITY SEEMS TO FIT OUR IMPRESSION OF THEIR GRADUAL EMERGENCE INTO MORE ACTIVITY AND PUBLIC INTEREST IN UN AFFAIRS GENERALLY, WE REPORT SOME SNIPPETS OF CONVERSATION FOR THE RECORD.

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3. DURING THE DINNER CONVERSATION, AMB CHEN ASKED IF ANY SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WAS ANTICIPATED ON LEBANON DURING THE REMAINING MONTH OF AUGUST. (CHINA IS SC PRESIDENT FOR AUGUST.) AMB YOUNG SAID THAT HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY. POLMIN SAID THE SITUATION IN LEBANON IS FRUSTRATING AND EXPLOSIVE, SO A CALL FOR A SC MEETING IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE, BUT AT THE MOMENT WE

KNEW OF NO LIKELY INITIATIVE -- CERTAINLY WE DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. POLMIN THEN SOLICITED CHINA'S VIEWS ON HOW THE LEBANON SITUATION COULD BE RESOLVED. CHOU NAN COMMENTED THAT CHINA HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN THAT AREA AND CHOSE TO LEAVE THE HANDLING OF THAT SITUATION TO THOSE MORE QUALIFIED. POLMIN SUGGESTED THAT PART OF CHINA'S RESPONSIBILITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE SC WAS TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING ISSUES AND THAT THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SC WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS THAT CHINA HAD ON LEBANON.

4. TURNING TO NAMIBIA, THE CHINESE ASKED IF ANY NEWS HAD BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING THE SYG SPECIAL REP'S SURVEY MISSION. POLMIN SAID ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED HAD INDICATED THAT THE MISSION WAS GOING WELL AND THAT THE SPECIAL REP WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NEW YORK TO REPORT IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE FIVE ANTICIPATED AN EARLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST, WHILE THE PRC IS IN THE CHAIR. WE WISH TO PRESS ON TO ENACT THE MANDATE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE CHINESE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA BUT, PREDICTABLY, MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE ROLE OF THE UN PEACEKEEPING MISSION IN NAMIBIA. IN AN EARLIER SIDE-CONVERSATION WITH CHOU NAN, HE COMMENTED ON THE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY "WE" MIGHT HAVE IN GETTING EASY
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SC ADOPTION OF A MANDATE RESOLUTION AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, WHEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TAKES OVER AS PRESIDENT.

5. WITH REGARD TO CHINA'S RENEWED EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION, MISOFF COMMENTED THAT HE HAD NOTICED THAT CHINA WAS SENDING MORE STUDENTS ABROAD TO STUDY THAN EVER BEFORE AND ASKED IF ANY WERE SLATED TO STUDY IN THE U.S. CHOU NAN SAID IT WOULD OF COURSE DEPEND UPON THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE STUDENTS TO STUDY IN THE U.S. WHILE THE U.S. MAINTAINED TIES WITH THE KMT REGIME. WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION THAT PRC STUDENTS WERE ALREADY IN THE U.S., THOUGH, HE READILY ADMITTED THAT WAS TRUE.

6. MISOFF ASKED IF KIM IL-SUNG WAS ALIGNING THE DPRK WITH THE PRC AS SOME ANALYSTS SUGGESTED AFTER KIM'S CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION'S ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. CHOU NAN REPLIED WITH APPARENT SATISFACTION THAT KIM'S MOVE HAD BEEN LONG EXPECTED. CHOU, HOWEVER, DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER ON PRC RELATIONS WITH THE DPRK.

7. IN AFTER-DINNER REMARKS AT THE TABLE, AMB CHEN

SAID ALL THE PROPER THINGS ABOUT COOPERATION OF THE
TWO MISSIONS IN THE 33RD GA AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE PRC. INEVITABLY,
HE BEGAN TO CRITICIZE THE SOVIET UNION AND SURPRISINGLY
USED ONE OF THE HARSHTEST OF CHINESE EXPLETIVES IN REFERRING
TO THE SOVIET UNION.

8. AMB YOUNG SPOKE BRIEFLY REAFFIRMING U.S.EFFORTS
TO HELP BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD THROUGH
DIPLOMACY AND SUBTLY BUT FIRMLY CALLING FOR CHINA'S
ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING ABOUT A TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE

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